

MINNESOTA BLUEPRINT FOR SHARED VISION FOR YOUTH
Interagency Projects Supporting Positive Outcomes for At-Risk Youth

Vision: “By age 25, Minnesota’s young people will be ready for the responsibilities and rewards of economic self-sufficiency, healthy family and social relationships, community involvement, stable housing and life-long learning.”

MISSION STATEMENT: *State and local agencies will collaborate to assure that Minnesota’s neediest youth will acquire the talents, skills, and knowledge necessary to ensure their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities.*

Outcomes				
Improve Transition Outcomes for Ex-Offenders	Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care	Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities	Prevent and End Homelessness	Reduce High School Dropout Rates
Strategies				
Coach ex-offenders in specifics of the job search	Help youth identify community resources and connect with resources while in foster care	Work cooperatively with on-site vocational rehab services to help youth identify career choices/on-going support people and resources	Improve financial literacy of youth. Provide presentations on budgeting, checking accounts, objective information on pay day loans and use of credit.	Coordinate services with high school teachers - only allow youth to work if they attend school
Work with all partners to increase awareness of ex-offender job search	Arrange for regular (monthly, biweekly) meetings of youth with support person to identify problems early	Work with employer groups to increase hiring of individuals with disabilities	Verify that youth have access to web based information on housing support options and how to access them	Communicate incentives to youth and high school teachers as motivation
CareerForce (Winona) has membership on Winona County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (that is made up of policy makers, and law enforcement to	Work with youth to identify warning signs that they need additional assistance - help them	If WOTC is reauthorized for Vocational Rehabilitation clients (and youth is a vocational rehabilitation client), make sure employers know how to use this	Coordinate with Winona Volunteer Services for short term housing needs and with SEMCAC and Winona Housing Redevelopment Authority for longer term needs.	

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